



# **Strategy for the Internationalisation of Higher Education in the Czech Republic**

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# Internationalisation and the Czech Republic

- ❑ **Importance of internationalisation of higher education in the European consequences**

one of the key features of the higher education area

- ❑ **Internalisation as a standard of HEIs quality**

Bologna process; permeability of education systems

- ❑ **Progress in internalisation**

# Interests of the Czech Republic

- ◎ **Society of knowledge**

- ◎ **Incoming / outgoing mobility**

necessity for students and teachers; the mean of cultural understanding

- ◎ **Quality and competitive strength of the Higher Education Institutions**



# **Wider context of the Czech Higher Education System**

# Environment of Czech Education Policy

**The system is regulated by the Act No. 111/1998 Coll.,  
on Higher Education Institutions**

## ◎ **Central (i.e. national) level**

- Funding as a tool for steering Public HEIs
- Accreditation process as tool for all types of HEIs

## ◎ **Level of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)**

## ◎ **Mediators**

Accreditation Commission (quality assurance ; evaluation of agency - member of ENQA), Czech Rector's Conference, Council of HEIs



# **The Role of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports**

**Areas of relevance**

# Long-Term Plan

- ◎ **National strategy** is made public in the Long-Term Plan
  
- ◎ **Priorities of the current Long-Term Plan for 2006–2010**
  - Extension of the range of programmes delivered in foreign languages
  - Further improvement of language skills of students, as well as academic and administrative staff
  - Programmes of international cooperation
  - Mobility of students and academic staff
  - Joint / double / multiple degrees
  - Consistent implementation of the ECTS and Diploma Supplement
  
- ◎ **Development programmes as a tool of implementation of LTP** taken into account for distributing the state subsidy to the public HEIs

# Ministry Departments

- ❑ **Higher Education Institution Department**
  - Bologna Experts project; Long-Term Plan
  - Responsibility for higher education as a whole
- ❑ **International Cooperation in Research and Development Department**
- ❑ **International Relations Department, and European Affairs Department**
  - Bilateral agreements (lately with Brasil and Argentina)
  - Goverment Scholarship (development aid for foreign students in both Czech and English language)
  - Membership in European structure
- ❑ **Centre for International Services**
- ❑ **National Agency for European Educational Programme (NAEP)**
  - Promotion higher education abroad on fairs as NAFSA in USA in May 00. EAIE in Madrid in September 00

# **CZ cooperation through International programmes**

## **Participation of Czech rep. in European Community programmes**

- Life-Long Learning Programme** Erasmus, Jean Monnet (HEIs), Gruntdtvig , Leonardo da Vinci, Comenius, Transversial programme
- Tempus**
- Erasmus Mundus**
- EU / US, Canada, Australia bilateral cooperation**

## **Other cooperation**

- CEEPUS**
- Aktion**
- EEA / Norway**

# Higher Education Institutions

**HEIs means and methods for the development of internationalisation:**

- **Creating international teams of experts**
- **Establishing international cooperation**
- **Finding educational, research and business partners abroad**

depending on each institution's specific needs and strategies



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